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TWO NEW IUGS EXECUTIVES

The terms of Welsey Hill and Prof. Sampat Kumar Tandon as IUGS Councilors end August 10. The new councilors are Ms. Amel Barich and Prof. Stephen Johnston. The IUGS President, Executives and Secretaries warmly acknowledge Wesley and Sampat for their valuable contribution to the Union during their 2010–2014 terms, and kindly welcome Amel and Stephen to the IUGS family wishing them the best success and accomplishment during their 2014–2018 term.

Retiring executives provided farewell statements:

Welsey Hill

"It has been my privilege to have been elected IUGS Councilor for the term 2010–2014 representing the United States on the Executive Committee. This experience has enriched my professional career, provided excellent collaborative opportunities to work across borders within the geoscience global community, and was a great learning experience for working with a close leadership team. Sampat Tandon and I were lucky to work under both IUGS Presidents Alberto Riccardi and Roland Oberhänsli as we crossed our terms over both Executive Committees. I look forward to seeing new IUGS initiatives progress, such as Resourcing Future Generations and the launch of the next IGC in Cape Town, South Africa. I wish the two new IUGS Councilors from Canada and Morocco the best of luck as they take on this new experience. Thanks again and best wishes to my IUGS Executive Committee colleagues."

Prof. Sampat Kumar Tandon

"Working on the IUGS EC for the past few years has offered an invaluable opportunity to share concerns and thoughts with knowledgeable colleagues hailing from different parts of the world. I look forward to a future for the IUGS that enriches its past of more than 50 years, an IUGS that balances regional diversities, promotes inclusivity, supports manpower development required for providing Earth resources in the future, and helps in meeting the challenge of global sustainability. My very best



wishes to the members of the EC for a fruitful term, and my gratitude for the support given to me by all the EC members that I worked with during 2010–2014."

New Executives' CV:

Amel Barich received a B.Sc. and a M.Sc. in Earth Sciences from Mohammed V Agdal University in Rabat, Morocco. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in metamorphic petrology and geochronology in the Andalusian Institute of Earth Sciences in Granada, Spain. Amel has been the Vice-President of the YES Network since 2012 and the chairperson of its communication team. Amel's research focuses on the study of the role of nanogranites in reconstructing partial melting history of high grade orogenic terrains in the western Mediterranean.

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Stephen Johnston obtained a B.Sc. from McGill University and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. at the University of Alberta. He has worked in exploration for Shell Canada Ltd.; as a project geologist for the Yukon Geological Survey; and as a professor at the University of Durban-Westville, South Africa. He has been the professor in the School of Earth & Ocean Sciences (SEOS), University of Victoria since 1999, and has been the Director of SEOS since 2011. Stephen's research is on how Earth's changing paleogeography has impacted the Earth System.

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More details on the new Executives at: <http://iugs.org/index.php?page=directory#EC>

UPDATE FOR IUGS HERITAGE STONE TASK GROUP

The Heritage Stone Task Group (HSTG) will meet during the International Association of Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) conference in Turin, Italy on September 16, 2014. A session on Heritage Stone talks and posters is also planned at the conference.

A formal review procedure to approve nominations for a Global Heritage Stone Resource is being considered. Approval of first nominations is planned by end 2014.

A volume of the Geological Society Special Publication, dedicated to Global Stone Resources, is almost ready to be launched, with most papers already published online: <http://sp.lyellcollection.org/online-first/407>

Compilation is underway of a special heritage stone issue of *Episodes* with publication planned by mid-2015.

Communicated by Barry Cooper, HSTG Secretary General.



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GEOLOGY ASSOCIATION (IMGA)

Back in 1996, IUGS friends Olle Selinus, Jose Centeno and others started a working group on Medical Geology under the IUGS Commission COGEOENVIRONMENT (now GEM). By 2006, the group became an independent association, and achieved the status of Affiliated Organization of IUGS.

Interested in finding out more about the major accomplishments of this group? Check their July newsletter at: <http://www.medicalgeology.org/>

And why not find out more about their 6th International Conference in Aveiro, Portugal (July 26–August 1, 2015), too? Check the conference website at: <http://medgeo15.web.ua.pt/>

REPORT ON 5TH GEOPARKS MEETING, PARIS

IUGS Vice-President, Marko Komac, attended the 5th meeting of Working Group on Geoparks that was held on July 2, 2014 at UNESCO, Paris, as the representative of the IUGS. The agenda of the meeting focused on several issues pertaining to the new International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) that would bring together under the same umbrella the two independent programmes — IGCP and GGN with the Geoscience and Geoparks Coordination Unit linking the two pillars for optimal synergy results. Nomination procedure of the IUGS and GGN representatives in the IGGP Council was discussed and several options were proposed. In all options, IUGS would have a representative in the Geoparks Council (which has an identical role to the IGCP Scientific Council). IUGS is also responsible for the expert geoscience evaluation part of the geopark application procedure.

Communicated by Marko Komac, IUGS Vice-President.

3RD YES CONGRESS, DAR ES SALAAM (AUG. 11–14, 2014)

The 3rd Young Earth Scientists (YES) Congress, which will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (August 11–14, 2014), will tackle a broad spectrum of geo-disciplines distributed into seven main themes. IUGS will be represented by its President, Prof. Roland Oberhänsli, who was invited to give a keynote presentation.

More information on the 3rd YES Congress at: <http://www.yescongress.org/2014/> and <http://www.cag25.or.tz/>

GEOUNIONS STEERING COMMITTEE, AUCKLAND (AUG. 29, 2014)

IUGS is one of 30 scientific union Members of the International Council of Science (ICSU), and one of eight unions that share interests in Earth Science related topics.



These eight unions, collectively referred to as the GeoUnions, established a Steering Committee in 2004 (in Paris, France) to promote the sciences worldwide, to communicate and to coordinate scientific activities of individual unions. The Steering Committee of GeoUnions meets normally the day before the ICSU General Assemblies and Scientific Unions Meetings of ICSU. The next ICSU GA is to take place in Auckland, August 29, 2014.

More information about the GeoUnions of ICSU at: <http://www.icsu-geounions.org/>

7TH AAWG MEETING ANNOUNCED, WINDHOEK (NOV. 3–9, 2014)

The Geological Survey of Namibia, which represents the geologists of Namibia in IUGS, announces that the 7th Congress of the African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG) will be held in Windhoek, Namibia on November 3-9 2014. AAWG supports the development of Earth Scientists in Africa by providing opportunities for networking and applying science for the sustainable development challenges the continent is facing.

First circular can be downloaded [here](#).

More about the meeting at: <http://www.mme.gov.na/gsn/CAAWG7/home.html>

More about AAWG at: <http://www.aawg.org/>

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